

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-14, 20, 21 and 23-35 are pending in the application. Claims 10-14, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 32 are allowed. Claims 1-9 and 25-31 are rejected. Claims 33-35 are objected to. Claims 33-35 are amended. Claims 15-19 were previously cancelled. Claims 1-9 and 25-31 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue future continuing applications. Claims 33-35 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Winters (U.S. 6,466,960) in view of Wickman et al., hereinafter (“Wickman”), (U.S. 6,952,297). Claims 4-9 and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Winters (U.S. 6,466,960).

With regard to the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-3 and the §102(e) rejection of claims 4-9, Applicants submit the aforementioned cancellation of these claims renders the rejections moot. With regard to the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection and 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 25-31, Applicants submit the aforementioned cancellation of these claims renders the rejections moot as well.

First, Applicants would like to gratefully acknowledge the Office Action’s indication claims 10-14, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 32 are allowed and claims 33-35 contain allowable subject matter. See Office Action dated 5/1//2007, paragraphs 10 & 11. In this response, claims 33-35 are amended to correct antecedent basis issues, and therefore are allowable.

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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